

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. The changes in these claims are shown with strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) for deleted matter and underline (underline) for added matter. A complete listing of the claims is set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented process for searching among a collection of documents, the collection comprising a referencing document and a referenced document referred to ~~referenced~~ in the referencing document by one or more links, the process comprising:

aggregating the referencing document and the referenced document referenced in the referencing document to create form an aggregate document, the aggregate document not existing as a document in said collection of documents, whereby said aggregate document is associated with content capable of being indexed, said content being provided by coming from the referenced document and ~~from~~ the referencing document;

indexing the said created aggregate document, based on index terms contained in the referencing document and ~~in~~ the referenced document forming the aggregate document, to ~~form~~ generate an index of aggregated documents ~~aggregate document index~~;

searching by operating on said ~~aggregate document index~~;

returning, as a result of the searching step, a located aggregate document.

Claims 2–3 (cancelled).

Claims 4–7 (cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A search engine for searching among a collection of documents, the collection comprising a referencing document and a referenced document referred to ~~referenced~~ in the referencing document by one or more links, the search engine comprising an

inverted index table of aggregate documents, wherein an entry in the index table is associated to with an aggregate document that aggregates aggregating the referencing document and the referenced document, the aggregate document not existing in said collection of documents, whereby said aggregate document is associated with content capable of being indexed, said content provided by coming from the referenced document and from the referencing document.

9. (Previously Presented) The search engine of claim 8, further comprising;
a display routine adapted to display, for a result comprising the referencing document or the referenced document;
content of the referencing document; and
information or attribute of the referenced document.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying an aggregate document with
a content of the referencing document; and
information or attribute of the referenced document.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 1, wherein the collection comprises a referencing document and at least two referenced documents in the referencing document, and wherein the process further comprises a step of selecting a subset of the referenced documents.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 1, wherein the collection comprises a referencing document and at least two referenced documents referenced in the referencing document, and wherein the process further comprises a step of sorting referenced documents.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 10, wherein the information or attribute comprise a link to the referenced document.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 10 wherein the process comprises, for a result, the display of

content of the referencing document;

information or attribute of a first document referenced in the referencing document; and

information or attribute of a second document referenced in the referencing document.